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THE ALL-RUSSIAN CONGRESS OF ZOOLOGISTS IN PETROGRAD

The first All-Russian Congress of Zoologists, Anatomists and Histologists is to be convened from April 23 to April 30 in Petrograd. At this congress it is expected to have the following sections: 1. Systematics, Zoogeography and Ecology; 2. Morphology (with Embryology); 3. Anatomy and Histology; 4. Experimental Zoology and Genetics. For the general sessions of the congress the following addresses will be delivered:

L. S. Berg: Polyphyletism and evolution.

A. S. Dogel: The causes which lead the living body to old age and death.

G. A. Kojevnikoff: Polymorphism and evolution.

N. K. Koltzoff: Eugenics, its problems and methods.

N. M. Koulagin: Zoology, science and agriculture.

M. M. Novikoff: Modern opinion regarding structure of chambers.

A. N. Severtzoff: The origin of fish and problems of phylogeny connected with this question.

P. P. Soushkin: The history of fauna of Siberia and Central Asia.

U. A. Philipchenko: The problem of experimental study of variations.

V. M. Shimkevich: About the regularity of the systematical indications.

V. M. Shimkevich is chairman and K. Derugin and V. Tonkoff are vice-chairmen.

ASSOCIATION OF GEOLOGISTS AND NATURALISTS IN PEKING AND VICINITY

THERE has recently been effected an informal association in Peking to bring together the geologists and naturalists resident in Peking and the vicinity for discussion of problems of mutual interest and the furtherance of intellectual intercourse among men of science in the Far East. Several meetings have been held at the residence of Dr. Roy Chapman Andrews at the headquarters of the Third Asiatic Expedition, at the residence of Dr. J. G. Anderson, at the Peking Hotel, in Central Park and elsewhere. The meetings are preceded by an informal dinner. On March 22 Dr. Walter Granger was expected to present the results of

his recent expedition to the fossil fields of eastern Szechuan province.

Those who have previously attended these meetings include:

Dr. V. K. Ting, honorary director of the Geological Survey of China.

Dr. W. H. Wong, director Geological Survey of China.

Dr. J. G. Andersson, mining adviser to the Chinese government.

Dr. E. E. Ahnert, director Geological Committee of the Russian Far East, Vladivostok.

Dr. Roy Chapman Andrews, director of the Third Asiatic Expedition.

Professor George B. Barbour, professor of geology, Pei Yang University, Tientsin.

Dr. Davidson Black, director of the department of anatomy, Peking Union Medical College.

Dr. Walter Granger, paleontologist to the Third Asiatic Expedition.

Dr. Otto Zdansky, associate paleontologist to the Geological Survey, China.

Professor Charles P. Berkey, geologist of the Third Asiatic Expedition.

Mr. Clifford Pope, assistant zoologist of the Third Asiatic Expedition.

Dr. F. R. Tegrengen, mining geologist.

Professor F. K. Morris, associate geologist of the Third Asiatic Expedition.

Dr. A. W. Grabau, paleontologist of the Geological Survey of China and professor of paleontology, National University, Peking.

Dr. Harry Smith, assistant professor of botany, Uppsala, botanist and explorer.

Père Licent, naturalist and explorer, Tientsin.

The gatherings are said to have proved highly stimulating. Frequent meetings during the winter and spring months are planned.

THE MENDEL CENTENNIAL

IN commemoration of the hundredth anniversary of the birth of Gregor Mendel, there will be held a scientific gathering in the city of Brünn, Czechoslovakia, from September 22 to 24. A *Festschrift* containing original contributions in the field of genetics will be published.

The secretary of the local committee, Professor Dr. Hugo Iltis, has asked me to call this celebration to the attention of American geneticists and to extend to them a cordial invitation to take part in the celebration in any or all of the following ways: